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GEORGE BARRETT, OF GRANITE, DEAD

Hon. George J. Barrett, of Granite, died at his home in that town at 9:20 this morning, of pneumonia. He had been ill but a short time. Saturday night telephone messages were received in Sumpter, saying that the patient was in a critical condition. Hopes were entertained yesterday evening that the crisis had been successfully passed, but the end came this morning.

George Barrett was one of the best known men in the eastern Oregon gold fields. Since he came to eastern Oregon and located in Granite he has been a foremost figure, not only in upbuilding the mining industry in this camp, but in interior Oregon politics. In the twentieth and twenty-first assemblies of the Oregon legislature he represented Grant, Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Morrow and Wasco in the lower house. He was an active member of that body and made many friends among the state legislators through his never-varying good-humor and cleanness of purpose.

Mr. Barrett, during his career as a mining man in Grant and Baker counties, has been foremost in the promotion and development of many important properties. He was formerly general superintendent of the May Queen mine, adjoining the Red Boy, and later of the Ohio, on Cracker creek. At the time of his death he was developing the rich Wolverine group, near Granite, and confidently expected to make a stake on the strength of this sterling property. Up to the hour of his sickness and death he was managing superintendent of the Blue Bird mine, and was operating under lease and bond the well known Grand Union group. He owned scores of promising claims in the Red Boy and Greenhorn districts.

Mr. Barrett suffered an attack of pneumonia last Tuesday. The attack, according to his physicians, was merely a mild one, but the patient's vitality had been sapped by a seizure of typhoid fever from which he had just partially recovered, when pneumonia developed. His lung tissues were but slightly afflicted, but his constitution had been so devitalized by typhoid that he was unable to withstand the ravages of the later disease.

A brother of the deceased, who lives in Nebraska, and who was notified Wednesday of Mr. Barrett's critical illness, was expected in Sumpter this morning, but failed to make connections. A rather peculiar coincidence occurred upon the arrival of the Sumpter Valley train. A traveling man arrived and registered at the Hotel Sumpter as E. T. Barrett, of Omaha, Neb.

He was not the man expected.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge of Baker City, the Workmen's lodge of Granite, and the Elks lodge of Baker City.

Pending the arrival of his brother, nothing definite has been decided as to time and place of interment. Patterson & Eppinger, the Baker City morticians, have been sent for to embalm the body, which will probably be shipped to Nebraska for burial. If this arrangement is definitely decided upon, the body will be escorted by the Granite Workmen as far as Sumpter and here turned over to either the Baker City Masons or Elks or both.

Mr. Barrett was 42 years of age and leaves a wife and two children at Granite.

MINING NOTES.

The new mill at the Maxwell was started Monday for a steady run.

The famous old Monumental made a test shipment this week to the local smelter.

Two feet of snow on the level in the Quartzburg camp insures a good placer season.

Receipts this week at the Sumpter smelter included a car of sorted ore from the Equity mine.

Manager Kelly and Foreman Cusick, of the I. X. L., took a cleanup to Baker City Tuesday.

Two feet of snow is reported on the summit of the Greenhorns, against three feet at this time last year.

Another shipment of ventilating air pipe for the Imperial mine was sent out to Cable Cove by Basco today.

A four-horse wagon load of cyanide of potassium and zinc shavings were shipped from the Sumpter Valley depot to the North Pole mine this morning.

Representatives of the Calumet and Hecla copper mines of Michigan are said to be negotiating for a group of copper mining claims on Goose creek, in the Panhandle of Baker county.

A carload of air pipe arrived at the Sumpter Valley depot this morning for the Columbia mine. The pipe will be used for long-distance transmission of compressed air at the big Cracker Creek property.

John Thomsen, manager of the Red Boy, is critically ill with catarrh fever at his former home in Fremont, Neb. His wife and daughter are at his bedside. It is said that Mr. Thomsen's chances for recovery are few.

Sam Nutting, who was recently struck in the eye by a flying piece of steel at the Dixie Meadows mine, has gone to Portland to consult an oculist. There is danger of losing the sight of the injured optic.

It is reported that N. Berkeley, of Bendleton, holder of a bond on the famous old Buffalo mine, near La Bellevue, has floated a strong company in Washington, D. C., to operate the property on a large scale.

The recently completed roller mill at the now-famous Mountain View mine is handling a heavy daily tonnage of high grade ore from a new shoot. Steady shipments of concentrates are being made to the Sumpter smelter.

General Manager Fuller, of the Sumpter smelter, is quoted by a Baker City paper as saying that the force at the local plant will shortly be increased to handle unexpectedly heavy ore shipments from all parts of the camp.

Two shifts, under Superintendent "Billy" Reynolds, are doing record-breaking work in driving the Blacksmith tunnel at the Red Boy mine, to crosscut the Monarch and Blain ledges in Concord territory. Hand steel is being used.

Private advices from Pittsburg are to the effect that the Bonanza Con. Mining company is in process of reorganization, and that resumption under entirely new management will probably occur in the spring. Former Manager Thatcher is in Tonopah, making big money.

Alderman Jack McWatty and his partner, Bob Evans, who with E. P. Bergman, own a group of claims in the Minersville district, recently brought in 750 pounds of ore, 250 pounds of which will be presented to the city for its permanent ore exhibit, and the remainder sold to the smelter.

Barney Flynn returned last evening from a trip to Susanville, where he went on important mining business. He says that is the great camp of eastern Oregon, and will be the big gold producer. He met Sam Stott and F. D. Lane going in, evidently making a "sneak," not wanting anyone to know what they are driving at.

The work of installing a Huntington mill, to work in conjunction with three stamps at the Imperial mine, is progressing rapidly. When the rolls are in place the Imperial's milling capacity will be 40 tons per day. At present an average of 7 tons per day of ores and concentrates are shipped to the Sumpter smelter.

Six feet of ore, running from \$30 to \$80 per ton, have been opened in an upraise between tunnels 3 and 2 in the Dixie Meadows mine. The mill is running full time, and the underground force has been doubled. It is said the monthly bullion cleanups amount to \$5,000, exclusive of the concentrates shipped to the Sumpter smelter, which average two carloads a week.

W. B. D. Dodson, one-time of Sumpter, is manager of a company which has purchased the Pacific Miner

at Portland from Phillip S. Bates. The latter has taken over The Pacific Northwest, a monthly illustrated journal "devoted to the exploitation of Portland and the American occident." Dodson retains his position as mining editor of the Portland Journal and as president of the Oregon Miners' association.

C. J. Allen, of the Monumental, came in from that property today and left for Portland, he having received word that one of his children is very sick there, with scarlet fever. Mr. Allen says he is now in the best ore at the Monumental ever found in that district. He had some of it with him that goes 300 ounces of silver and three ounces in gold, aggregating better than \$200 a ton.

The Cornucopia Mines, of Oregon, will not be sold under Sheriff Brown's hammer to satisfy a judgment of about \$39,000. Yesterday, Joseph N. Teal, the prominent Portland lawyer, and his associate counsel, Colonel Emmett Callahan, of Baker City, gave formal notice to opposing counsel, Colonel W. F. Butcher, and to Sheriff Brown that on tomorrow morning the property would be redeemed.

During January a full complement of stamps at each of the three big Cracker Creek mother lode mines, the E. & E., North Pole and Columbia, dropped unceasingly and the roller crushing plants at the North Pole and Columbia worked full time. Nothing definite is known regarding the bullion output of these properties, owing to the fact that each is controlled by a close corporation. Popular belief, however, is that the average monthly cleanup of any one of these three mines reaches \$50,000.

Report on Dredger Operations.

The representatives and managers of the Empire Gold Dredge company, which operates the most extensive placer and dredge works of eastern Oregon, have left for Portland and San Francisco, where it is surmised they will make a report of their operations to the board of directors. It is understood that the board meets in Portland on the 28th of January, at which time the report will be received and examined, and the future policy of the company considered. Accurate and systematic records of the work done by the Keystone driller were made while the machine was in operation, and will form the basis of the reports to the executive board. In the meantime, both the driller and the dredge have been suspended and the large crews operating them temporarily laid off. Manager Walker left for Portland early in the month. Foreman Theller, who had charge of the drill, went to California last week, and Stenographer Garrison left for Portland the last of the week. The Pomeroy brothers, who operate the dredge, have been in Portland for some time. Thus every interest will be represented at the meeting. It is not likely that the work of dredging the large areas which the company have explored will be abandoned at this stage of the game, and it is greatly to be hoped that it will not be long postponed.—Grant County News.